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1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THE DEPT VIEWS WITH GREAT CONCERN THE POSSIBLE DEPORTATION OF INDIVIDUAL AMCIT MEMBERS OF THE BLACK HEBREW COMMUNITY. WE HAVE EXPRESSED TO GOI OFFICIALS OUR VIEWS ON SUCH ACTION AND POINTED OUT THE SERIOUS

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IMPLICATIONS. WE HOPE OUR REPRESENTATIONS WILL DISUADE THE GOI FROM SUCH A COURSE. EMBASSY SHOULD, HOWEVER, BE PREPARED FOR CONTINGENCY OF A GOI ATTEMPT TO DEPORT INDIVIDUAL BHC MEMBERS. IN THIS RESPECT, THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURAL POINTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED:

A) EMBASSY SHOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH ISRAELI LAW AND DEPORTATION PROCEDURES, TO ENSURE FAIR TREATMENT IS ACCORDED AMCIT MEMBERS.

B) IN CASES OF VALID RENUNCIATIONS OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP BY BHC MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH U.S. LAW, THE U.S. IS UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO ACCEPT THESE MEMBERS. IT REGARDS FORMER U.S. NATIONALS WHO HAVE FORMALLY RENOUNCED THEIR S. CITIZENSHIP WHILE IN ISRAEL AS ALIENS. (SEE REFTELS E AND F). THEY COULD NOT BE ADMITTED UNDER U.S. LAWS WITHOUT AN APPROPRIATE VISA.

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C) OBVIOUSLY THE BHC INCLUDES THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS AND PERSONS WHOSE IDENTITIES AND NATIONALITIES ARE UNCLEAR IN VIEW OF PAST DIFFICULTIES IN VERIFYING U.S. CITIZENSHIP OF BHC MEMBERS AND THE POSSIBLE USE OF FRAUDULENT PASSPORTS, EACH IDENTIFICATION OF AN UNDOCUMENTED BHC MEMBER WILL REQUIRE PRIOR DEPARTMENT CONFIRMATION (REFTEL D).
D) IN CASE OF DEPORTATION, ALL AMCITS MUST HAVE PROPER DOCUMENTATION FOR RETURN TO THE U.S. THIS WOULD INCLUDE AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF CHILDREN BORN TO AMCIT BHC MEMBERS IN ISRAEL, WHO MUST ALSO BE PROPERLY REGISTERED AND DOCUMENTED FOR RETURN TO THE U.S. MUSKIE

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